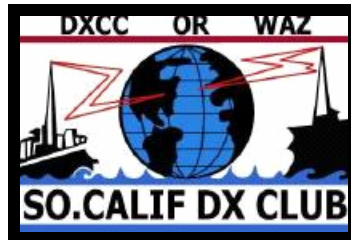


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AND THE WINNER IS!

Congratulations Wayne Spring, W6IRD.....DX er of the year 2005

You're the man Wayne. Best regards to you.

It was neck and neck, but in the stretch the winner of the Clipperton Award.

BOB NOVAK K00K. Congratulations Bob.



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THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Lets Talk DX Convention

The 57th annual International DX Convention is history, and that is what our club made... History! There is not enough space to share all the e-mails and telephone calls I have received congratulating our club on a job well done. The most heard phrase was "the best ever".



I was more than happy to hear this many times, but never once did I receive compliments without mentioning all the people who volunteered and spent many hours working hard to make this convention the "best ever". Can you imagine, a Bubba, representing the prestigious SCDXC?

Congratulations to Bob, K0OK, on receiving the Clipperton Award. To bad other commitments kept him from getting his award at the banquet. The best was seeing Wayne, W6IRD get the DXer of the year award from Reid, K6LRB. Wayne told me later that "I got him!" That's not my take at all, Wayne deserved the award and the recognition. I was glad to be able to offer Reid the chance to put in his own words what the award was and what Wayne meant to him. As I said, Reid is an exceptional young man and I'm glad to have given him this special opportunity. Good job Reid!

In closing, kudos and thank you to all the people who worked so hard to make this convention "the best ever". I think this will be my "best ever convention" also. Bubba smiles.....

73s and Good DX!

Bob, W6ZPL

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FROM THE VEEP

Well, the competition was intense but, as you'll recall, I barely squeaked by in this year's election to become your 2006 VP. To the literally scores of Club members who really wanted the job, I can only say, "Try again next year!" (Oh, PLEASE try!)



The VP's job includes trying to find programs for our monthly meetings. Fortunately, I have the active support of our Past President N6DHZ, in this endeavor, but I can still use all the help I can get so, if you've got ideas or even a program that YOU can present, please let me know. All suggestions will be gratefully accepted and given a degree of consideration commensurate with the quality of the idea. (In other words, I'm desperate for good stuff.)

For those of you who are interested in the politics of antenna installations, I can tell you that I'm in the midst of the application process in Rolling Hills Estates (Palos Verde Peninsula) for a tower at our new house. So far, the indications are good. The City's Planning Director has made a site visit and has agreed with me that there should be no significant view impairment issues for neighbors, that being the major issue of concern in my neighborhood. Assuming that things will go well, I ordered a SteppIR 3 element 6-40 meter Yagi over the Visalia weekend. They're promising a July delivery. My Alpha 9500 should be coming in August, although Alpha says they're now running a bit behind on their production schedule. I'll just have to wait it out.

And, speaking of Visalia, wasn't it great? I think we did a great job. Thanks to Carl for keeping all of us stray cats in line. So many Club members did so much that I simply don't want to single folks out in this column for fear of missing someone who's deserving. Suffice it to say that I know who you all are and you have my thanks for helping to make the Convention the success it was. Now, take a breather until we do it again for 2008!

This month's program is still being worked out but we'll try to make it interesting. As usual, there'll be a Club raffle. The "biggies" this month will include an Astron SS-30M power supply and a Vibroplex Iambic paddle, so you won't want to miss your chance for a big win.

We'll also announce the Picnic drawing prize. Stay tuned: It'll be a good one!
73, Jeff

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FROM THE PRINCE MAGNIFICANT, THE PRIZE COLLECTOR

Thoughts on Visalia 2006 from the Prize Chairman/Webmaster

I know I had a great time in Visalia and from the e-mails the club and members of the convention committee have been getting I think I can safely say that everyone had a great time.

A lot of the SCDXC members know exactly how much work it takes to put on the convention but the majority probably don't. Most of us can relate to e-mail so as an indicator of what is involved, I sent and received just short of 1800 e-mails dating back to 4-17-05 regarding the 2006 convention. This is only my e-mails and does not include those handled by other members of the convention committee.



The convention web site had about 9700 hits. The week of the convention the site averaged over 520 page views per day and peaked on Thursday April 19 with over 700 page views. This is not huge numbers compared to many commercial sites but when you consider the number of people who actually come to the convention you can see they are visiting the site on a regular basis leading up to the convention. The convention site address (www.dxconvention.org) will remain for the in place and I have been in touch with the webmaster for the NCDXC and they will be taking it over in the next week.

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ANAGRAM QUIZ – US ISLANDS Unscramble if you can

A CAT NAIL -----
A FAR NOLL -----
NONE OOH MY -----

Ans. On page 12

New Members

Pat Marcy, W7PZ
Kingman, Az

Dayton Jones, K6DJ
La Canada, Ca

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Most of the vendors I talked to were very pleased with the attendance and sales at the convention. We had some new vendors this year and I think most of them will be back. I did want to say one thing about the vendors, many of the vendors spend large sums of money to come to the convention. Some bring 3 or 4 people to the convention and have to fly in pay for hotels, and others have to ship their products and displays to the convention. They donate prizes, time and considerable money to make the convention a success. This effort and expense seems to have been lost on a few convention goers who were unappreciative and rude to the vendors. I have my own thought about these individuals and I will express my thoughts to them as I see them or in some cases search them out. Fortunately for all of us these small-minded individuals were the exception and I think the vast majority of people appreciated the effort of the vendors to be at our convention. I want to encourage everyone as you buy or shop for products over the next few months to take a moment and thank both the vendors and prize donors for their support of the convention. If you have thoughts and suggestions about both vendors and prizes I would like to hear from you. I can be reached by e-mail at n6dhz@scdxc.org.

I want to take a quick moment to thank both Larry, K6YUI and his crew for running the prize room and doing an excellent job with the drawings. Wayne, W6IRD directed traffic and setup on Friday in the vendor room and his help was greatly appreciated. I also want to thank my XYL Linda who over the last 2-3 month began to think Visalia was another woman. Without her patience and understanding I would not have been able to spend the hours required to be prize chairman.

Okay I'm off my soapbox now and it's time to get back to the DX... I think I hear a phantom H4 on 15m now! See you in the pileups.

73 DE Jim, N6DHZ



DX er OF THE YEAR 2005
W6IRD



FROM THE EDITOR

I really don't have much to say, but bring a lunch anyway. Now that the newsletter is being done, I need to inform you of the sequence of travel from write to distribution so that all will know when to expect the thing to be ready.

The general plan is:

- * All material must be in my hands by the 20th of the month for distribution the following month.
- In the web masters hands by the the 30 th of the month.(this might change)
- * On the web site on the first Thursday of the month. (I pray)



With high hopes this should run smoothly. Members will be able to receive the bulletin 30 days before the general public. The only requirement you have is to remember when it's ready and the web site address. The public will be able to view after you do on the general web site as has been tradition. When you get this newsletter you will also receive a web site address to download. Please save this in your bookmark or favorite folders for quick access. What happens here is that many servers think the bulletin is junk , so it gets scrapped. So remember the address and the date.

I have been pleased with the comments and offered help with articles and such. So keep those cards and letters coming.

73 Steve, w6nrq

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How's your trivia?

- True or False: It has been illegal for U.S. citizens, including amateurs, to use a radio receiver?

Source qrz.com/trivia/ham See answer on page 9

Congratulations Rick, W6SR, after 27 years of sweat has completed the last zone for his 5BWAZ # 685 15, Dec 2005

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Trivia answer. The answer is true

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I wanted to send my early thanks for another great International DX Convention! The team out did themselves!. Over the years the event has really taken on a wonderful character and is the one outing I look forward to each year. I know to pull off such a large task it takes the dedication and effort of several people and, I have to repeat myself, it really shows! Congratulations!

OK, so I did win the grand prize (and this is the reason I am writing this email)! Maybe I am a little biased this year still the energy you expend should be recognized and appreciated. Year in and year out Bob Ferrero and HRO, Icom (the prize I won) and many in the Amateur Radio Sales and Manufacturing Community really put forth a yeoman's effort supporting DXpeditions, conventions and the hobby in general. Sure it is a business and one that may derive a modicum of return, nevertheless the amount of effort and resource I see going out far outstrips that return. It shows that the industry and the enthusiasts really see our hobby as a good and noble endeavor (and it's fun too!) The international community of friends and the promotion of good will is a testament to this. It has influenced almost every aspect of my life and career. I think how narrow my life experience would have been if not for Amateur Radio.

Enough rambling! Thank you very very much for the effort. Thank you very very much for IC 756 PRO III. Every time I spin the knob I will remember where it came from and how great our hobby really is.

Bill Kendrick, N6RV

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DX IS

Council of Europe Radio Club 20th Anniversary Challenge

Dates:

Friday June 16th 2006, 8AM UTC to Sunday June 18th 2006, 10 AM UTC.

The challenge is open to all licensed amateur radio.

Contacts will have to be established with the 46 Member States of the Council of Europe and the Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club **TP20CE**:

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Deadline of log sending: September 1st, 2006

The list of the contacts established can be sent via regular mail at:

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3. NONE OOH MY = HONEYMOON

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